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1. [REDACTED] known as Rákospalota [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] I observed the new airfield there from its boundary. I never entered the field. [REDACTED]
2. I observed gunnery practice over the field in which one TU-2 type aircraft towed a sleeve and other TU-2's would peel off and fire at this target. YAK fighters participated in the target practice also, but only as escort aircraft.

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- ANNEXES
- A. Overlay [REDACTED] Budapest, North, Hungary, pinpointing Rákospalota Airfield
 - B. [REDACTED] sketch of Rákospalota Airfield
 - C. Three-dimensional view of Sod-Type Hangar

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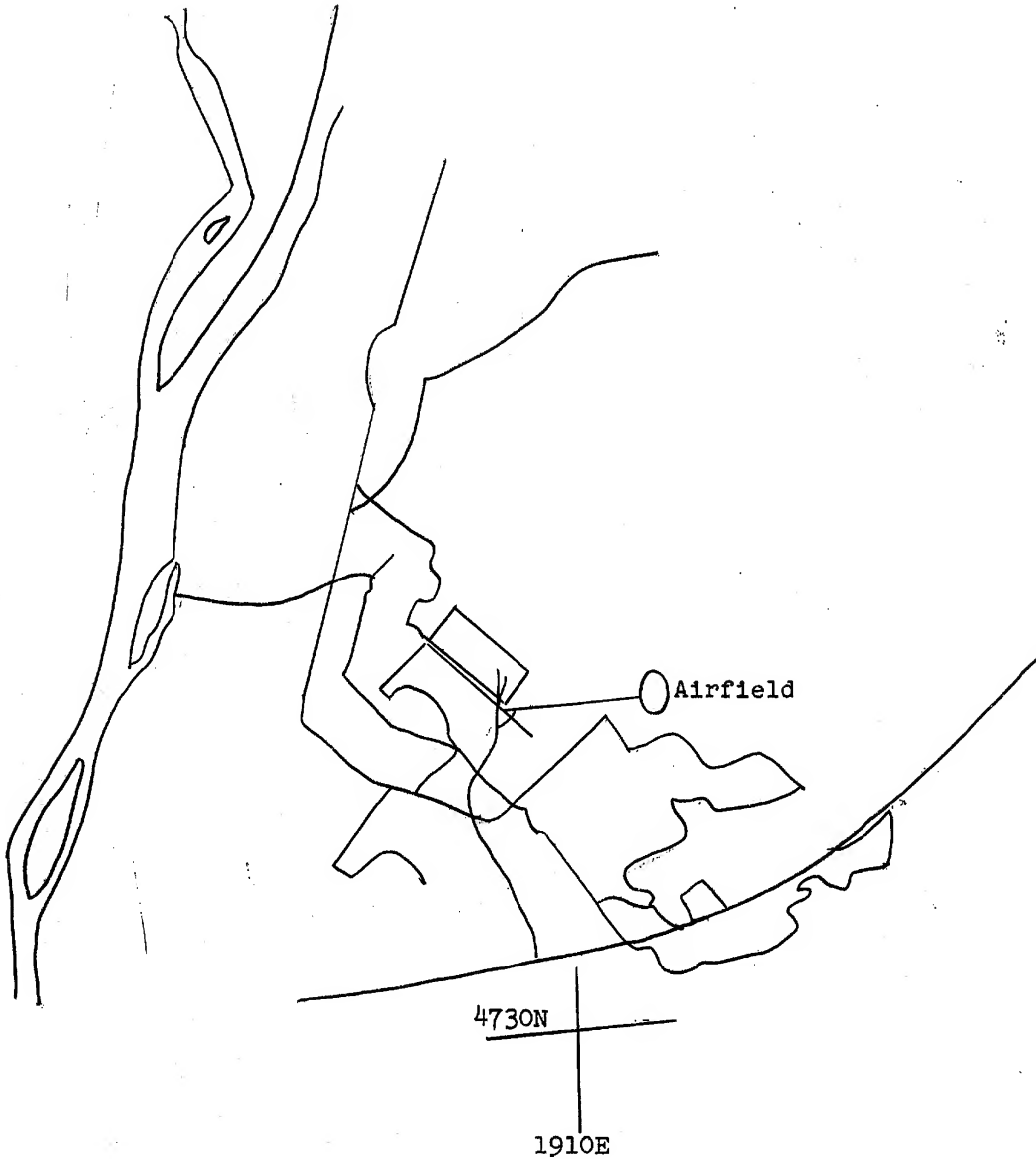
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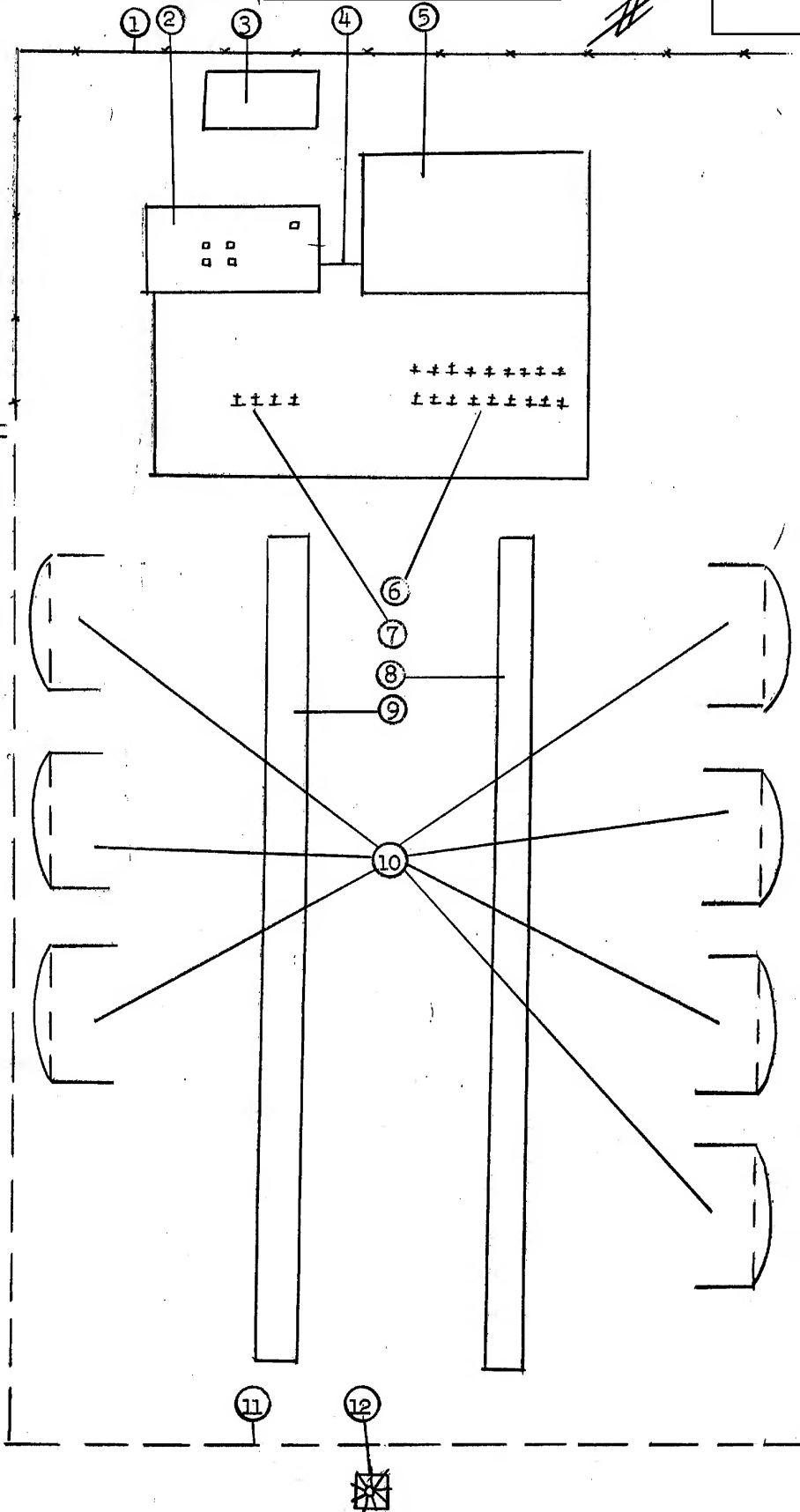
Overlay
Budapest, North, Hungary,
pinpointing Rakospalota Airfield

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ANNEX B



25X1 of Rakospalota Airfield

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Legend

1. Fence, heavy gauge wire, three meters high, three to four strands of barbed wire on top. Extended along north of field.
2. Building, 36 x 16 x 28 m., three stories, concrete reinforced, flat deck type roof. There were four small chimneys, each two meters high; one chimney four to five meters high. Used as troop barracks for an estimated 350-400 men. I identified some of these as paratroopers by their patch.
3. Building, 20 x 14 x 16 m., two stories, concrete reinforced, flat deck type roof. Antenna tower 35 m. high on top of building.
4. Apron, concrete, extended from edge of building (Point #5) to edge of building (Point #2), and a width of 200 m. in front.
5. Hangar, concrete reinforced, slightly sloping gable-type roof, 40 x 30 x 20 m., sliding doors.
6. Aircraft, 20 fighter type (long nose, small tail, similar to YAK) parked on apron in front of hangar. I counted the following number of aircraft on the ground at one time one day:
 - a. 20 YAK type fighter aircraft
 - b. 43 light bomber type TU-2
 - c. Three or four bi-winged AN-2.
7. Aircraft, four or five two-engine light bomber type TU-2, parked in front of building (Point 2, Encl. B, this report).
8. Runway, west, concrete construction, 1,500 m. long. I cannot estimate width of runway (but it was at least 100 m.) nor the distance between runways.
9. Runway, east, same as Point #8 above.
10. Hangars, 30 x 20 x 16 m., cantilever type construction, sod-covered roof, construction details unknown. No doors observed. Sod appeared well kept, green and cut. Sod was collected from nearby fields where very large areas were cut up for sod. Hangars seemed to blend into the country side.
11. Boundary 2,500 m. x 1,600 m. I did not observe any fences, boundary lights or guards.
12. Beacon, 30 m. high, located 80-100 m. southeast of field boundary, red rotating light.
13. Cemetery, 100 x 50 m., appeared 15-20 years old.
14. Wall, stone, three meters high, extended around entire cemetery, with the north wall adjacent to the airfield boundary.
15. Road, crushed stone, four to five meters wide, open drainage ditches, leads to building (refer to Point #2, Encl. B).
16. Gate, heavy mesh wire, three meters high. I did not observe guards, but feel certain an airfield of this size would be secured.
17. Road, cobblestone, six to seven meters wide.

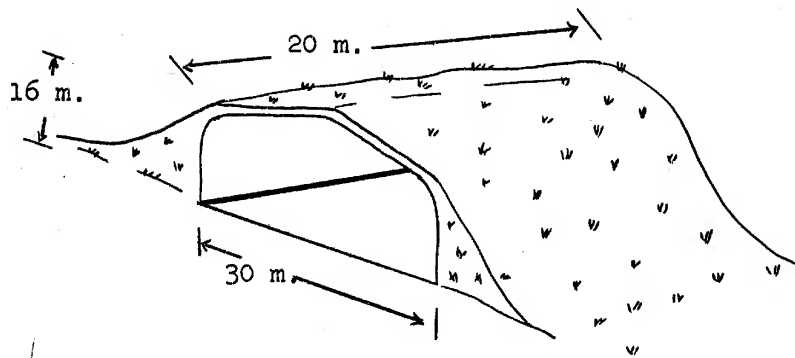
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Three Dimensional View
Sod-Type Hangar (Point 10, Annex B)

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